

Questionnaire

19th ANNUAL IDAHO PUBLIC POLICY SURVEY

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Hello, my name is _____. I am calling on behalf of the Social Science Research Center at Boise State University. This is not a sales call.

We are conducting the annual Idaho Public Policy survey to find out how the people of Idaho feel about issues that affect the state. This study is very important because it will be a resource for Idaho policymakers in the 2008 legislative session. The results of the survey will also be reported to the news media in Idaho.

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Your participation in this survey is completely voluntary and all of your answers will be kept entirely confidential.

In what Idaho county is your residence located?

Core Questions

In general terms, do you think the state is headed in the right direction?

In your opinion what is the **single most** important issue facing Idaho today?

OPEN-ENDED RESPONSE.

Government and Civic Engagement

We would like to ask a few questions about government and civic engagement.

Do you consider yourself to be a . . .

- 1 Democrat
- 2 Republican
- 3 Independent
- 4 OTHER (SPECIFY)

In general, would you describe yourself as. . .

- 1 Very conservative
- 2 Somewhat conservative
- 3 Middle-of-the-road
- 4 Somewhat liberal
- 5 Very liberal

- 7 DON'T KNOW/NOT SURE
- 9 REFUSED

How do you feel Governor Otter has performed in his first year of office? Would you say...

- 1 Better than I expected
- 2 Somewhat better than I expected
- 3 Just as I expected
- 4 Somewhat worse than I expected
- 5 Worse than I expected

- 7 DON'T KNOW/NOT SURE
- 9 REFUSED

In your opinion, should Senator Larry Craig remain in office to complete his term?

- 1 YES
- 2 NO

- 7 DON'T KNOW/NOT SURE
- 9 REFUSED

Which of the following statements do you **most** agree with?

INTERVIEWER: IF ASKED, IDAHO CURRENTLY HAS A PART-TIME LEGISLATURE THAT MEETS EVERY YEAR

- 1 Idaho should have a full-time legislature that meets year-round
- 2 Idaho should have a part-time legislature that meets every year
- 3 Idaho should have a part-time legislature that meets every two years
- 4 Idaho should pursue another option

- 7 DON'T KNOW/NOT SURE
- 9 REFUSED

Early Childhood Questions

The following questions deal with issues concerning early childhood development and families with young children.

Are you currently a working parent with at least one child under 18 years of age?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No

- 7 DON'T KNOW/NOT SURE
- 9 REFUSED

I am going to read you some statements regarding policies affecting families with young children. Please tell me if you strongly agree, somewhat agree, neither agree nor disagree, somewhat disagree, or strongly disagree with each statement.

Following questions asked in RANDOMIZED ORDER

The state government should offer more financial help to working families who need it to pay for quality childcare. Do you. . .

- 1 STRONGLY AGREE
- 2 SOMEWHAT AGREE
- 3 NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE
- 4 SOMEWHAT DISAGREE
- 5 STRONGLY DISAGREE

- 7 DON'T KNOW/NOT SURE
- 9 REFUSED

Providing childcare funding assistance to low-income parents helps them stay in the workforce. Do you. . .

- 1 STRONGLY AGREE
- 2 SOMEWHAT AGREE
- 3 NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE
- 4 SOMEWHAT DISAGREE
- 5 STRONGLY DISAGREE

- 7 DON'T KNOW/NOT SURE
- 9 REFUSED

Providing childcare funding assistance to low-income working parents helps children be safe. Do you. . .

- 1 STRONGLY AGREE
- 2 SOMEWHAT AGREE
- 3 NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE

- 4 SOMEWHAT DISAGREE
- 5 STRONGLY DISAGREE

- 7 DON'T KNOW/NOT SURE
- 9 REFUSED

Ask if working parent with minor child

Childcare affordability has affected a member of my household's ability to participate in the workforce to his/her potential. Do you. . .

INTERVIEWER: IF ASKED, MEMBER OF MY HOUSEHOLD MEANS THE RESPONDENT OR THEIR SPOUSE OR PARTNER.

- 1 STRONGLY AGREE
- 2 SOMEWHAT AGREE
- 3 NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE
- 4 SOMEWHAT DISAGREE
- 5 STRONGLY DISAGREE

- 7 DON'T KNOW/NOT SURE
- 9 REFUSED

Low-income working single parents should have higher priority for public funding than college students for child care assistance. Do you. . .

- 1 STRONGLY AGREE
- 2 SOMEWHAT AGREE
- 3 NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE
- 4 SOMEWHAT DISAGREE
- 5 STRONGLY DISAGREE

- 7 DON'T KNOW/NOT SURE
- 9 REFUSED

In my community, children have access to high quality pre-kindergarten, nursery school or Head Start programs to help them become ready to succeed in school. Do you. . .

- 1 STRONGLY AGREE
- 2 SOMEWHAT AGREE
- 3 NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE
- 4 SOMEWHAT DISAGREE
- 5 STRONGLY DISAGREE

- 7 DON'T KNOW/NOT SURE
- 9 REFUSED

In my community programs that help get children ready to succeed in school are affordable and available. Do you. . .

- 1 STRONGLY AGREE
- 2 SOMEWHAT AGREE
- 3 NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE

- 4 SOMEWHAT DISAGREE
- 5 STRONGLY DISAGREE

- 7 DON'T KNOW/NOT SURE
- 9 REFUSED

State government has a responsibility to provide high quality pre-kindergarten education for young children in low-income families. Do you. . .

- 1 STRONGLY AGREE
- 2 SOMEWHAT AGREE
- 3 NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE
- 4 SOMEWHAT DISAGREE
- 5 STRONGLY DISAGREE

- 7 DON'T KNOW/NOT SURE
- 9 REFUSED

As a voter, I would more likely vote for a candidate who supports expanding access to pre-kindergarten programs for young children. Do you. . .

- 1 STRONGLY AGREE
- 2 SOMEWHAT AGREE
- 3 NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE
- 4 SOMEWHAT DISAGREE
- 5 STRONGLY DISAGREE
- 6 DOES NOT SELF-IDENTIFY AS A VOTER

- 7 DON'T KNOW/NOT SURE
- 9 REFUSED

As a voter, I would be more likely to vote for a candidate who supports expanding funding for childcare assistance for low-income families. Do you. .

- 1 STRONGLY AGREE
- 2 SOMEWHAT AGREE
- 3 NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE
- 4 SOMEWHAT DISAGREE
- 5 STRONGLY DISAGREE
- 6 DOES NOT SELF-IDENTIFY AS A VOTER

- 7 DON'T KNOW/NOT SURE
- 9 REFUSED

What do you see as the biggest challenge facing low-income working parents with young children?

OPEN ENDED RESPONSE

Social Issues

I will now read you some statements concerning a variety of social issues. Please tell me if you strongly agree, somewhat agree, neither agree nor disagree, somewhat disagree or strongly disagree with each statement.

Your county should deny indigent medical care to undocumented immigrants? Do you. . .

- 1 STRONGLY AGREE
- 2 SOMEWHAT AGREE
- 3 NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE
- 4 SOMEWHAT DISAGREE
- 5 STRONGLY DISAGREE

- 7 DON'T KNOW/NOT SURE
- 9 REFUSED

INTERVIEWER: IF ASKED, AN UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANT IS AN IMMIGRANT WHO LACKS LEGAL PERMISSION TO LIVE IN THE UNITED STATES. INDIGENT MEANS NEEDY, POOR OR IMPOVERISHED.

Undocumented immigrants reduce the overall quality of your child's education? Do you. . .

- 1 STRONGLY AGREE
- 2 SOMEWHAT AGREE
- 3 NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE
- 4 SOMEWHAT DISAGREE
- 5 STRONGLY DISAGREE

- 7 DON'T KNOW/NOT SURE
- 9 REFUSED

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The next few questions concern discrimination in Idaho. It should be legal in Idaho to fire someone because they are, or are perceived to be gay or lesbian? Do you. . .

INTERVIEWER: IF ASKED, CURRENTLY, ONLY EIGHT STATES BAN DISCRIMINATION BASED ON SEXUAL ORIENTATION AND GENDER IDENTITY. THE EIGHT STATES ARE CALIFORNIA, HAWAII, ILLINOIS, MAINE, MINNESOTA, NEW MEXICO, RHODE ISLAND AND WASHINGTON

- 1 STRONGLY AGREE
- 2 SOMEWHAT AGREE
- 3 NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE
- 4 SOMEWHAT DISAGREE
- 5 STRONGLY DISAGREE

- 7 DON'T KNOW/NOT SURE

9 REFUSED

How strongly do you agree or disagree that racial and ethnic minorities are discriminated against in the state of Idaho? Do you. . .

- 1 Strongly agree
- 2 Somewhat agree
- 3 Neither agree nor disagree
- 4 Somewhat disagree
- 5 Strongly disagree

7 DON'T KNOW/NOT SURE

9 REFUSED

Taxes

Next, we have some questions on wages and tax policy.

In 2006, the Legislature increased the sales tax from 5 to 6 percent. How much has the one-cent increase in sales tax affected your ability to purchase goods and services? Would you say it has affected you . . .

- 1 Very much
- 2 Moderately
- 3 Not very much
- 4 Not at all

7 DON'T KNOW/NOT SURE

9 REFUSED

For the next two questions, please tell me whether you strongly support, somewhat support, neither support nor oppose, somewhat oppose or strongly oppose the following policies.

Eliminating the sales tax on groceries. Would you . . .

- 1 STRONGLY SUPPORT
- 2 SOMEWHAT SUPPORT
- 3 NEITHER SUPPORT NOR OPPOSE
- 4 SOMEWHAT OPPOSE
- 5 STRONGLY OPPOSE

7 DON'T KNOW/NOT SURE

9 REFUSED

Granting cities and counties local option tax authority if it were subject to voter approval. Would you . . .

- 1 STRONGLY SUPPORT
- 2 SOMEWHAT SUPPORT
- 3 NEITHER SUPPORT NOR OPPOSE
- 4 SOMEWHAT OPPOSE
- 5 STRONGLY OPPOSE

7 DON'T KNOW/NOT SURE

9 REFUSED

INTERVIEWER: IF ASKED, A LOCAL OPTION TAX IS A TAX COLLECTED AT A LOCAL LEVEL WHOSE REVENUE IS USED FOR LOCAL PURPOSES. IT IS USUALLY IN THE FORM OF A SALES OR USE TAX.

How strongly do you agree or disagree that individuals in Idaho who live in the wildland urban interface should be required to carry fire insurance? Do you . . .

- 1 STRONGLY SUPPORT
- 2 SOMEWHAT SUPPORT
- 3 NEITHER SUPPORT NOR OPPOSE
- 4 SOMEWHAT OPPOSE
- 5 STRONGLY OPPOSE

- 7 DON'T KNOW/NOT SURE
- 9 REFUSED

[IF PROMPTED THE WILDLAND URBAN INTERFACE IS THE PLACE WHERE WILDERNESS MEETS DEVELOPMENT]

ENERGY/ENVIRONMENT

The next few questions concern policies related to energy and environmental issues. Please tell me if you strongly support, somewhat support, neither support nor oppose, somewhat oppose or strongly oppose the following policies.

Breaching of the lower four Snake River dams to restore salmon runs in Idaho. Do you . . .

- 1 STRONGLY SUPPORT -> **SKIP TO Q160**
- 2 SOMEWHAT SUPPORT -> **SKIP TO Q160**
- 3 NEITHER SUPPORT NOR OPPOSE -> **SKIP TO Q160**
- 4 SOMEWHAT OPPOSE
- 5 STRONGLY OPPOSE

- 7 DON'T KNOW/NOT SURE -> **SKIP TO Next Question**
- 9.REFUSED -> **SKIP TO Next Question**

Asked only if somewhat or strongly opposed

Breaching the lower four snake river dams to restore salmon runs, if economic problems associated with the breaching could somehow be offset.
Would you . . .

- 1 STRONGLY SUPPORT
- 2 SOMEWHAT SUPPORT
- 3 NEITHER SUPPORT NOR OPPOSE
- 4 SOMEWHAT OPPOSE
- 5 STRONGLY OPPOSE

- 7 DON'T KNOW/NOT SURE
- 9 REFUSED

Designating more wilderness area in Idaho. Do you . . .

- 1 STRONGLY SUPPORT
- 2 SOMEWHAT SUPPORT
- 3 NEITHER SUPPORT NOR OPPOSE
- 4 SOMEWHAT OPPOSE
- 5 STRONGLY OPPOSE

- 7 DON'T KNOW/NOT SURE
- 9 REFUSED

Constructing a nuclear energy power plant in your county as one of the ways to provide electricity for the state of Idaho. Do you . . .

- 1 STRONGLY SUPPORT
- 2 SOMEWHAT SUPPORT
- 3 NEITHER SUPPORT NOR OPPOSE
- 4 SOMEWHAT OPPOSE
- 5 STRONGLY OPPOSE

- 7 DON'T KNOW/NOT SURE
- 9 REFUSED

Constructing a nuclear power plant in your county if it is to provide electricity for **other** states. Do you . . .

- 1 STRONGLY SUPPORT
- 2 SOMEWHAT SUPPORT
- 3 NEITHER SUPPORT NOR OPPOSE
- 4 SOMEWHAT OPPOSE
- 5 STRONGLY OPPOSE

- 7 DON'T KNOW/NOT SURE
- 9 REFUSED

Demographics

How many members of your household, including yourself, are 18 years of age or older?

How many members of your household are under the age of 18?

Of those, how many are under the age of 6?

Do you have more than one telephone number in your household? Do not include cell phones or numbers that are only used by a computer or fax machine.

How many of these phone numbers are residential numbers?

CODE SEX OF RESPONDENT. IF NECESSARY, ASK: This may sound silly, but for survey purposes I need to ask, are you male or female?

Please tell me which of the following racial or ethnic group or groups best describe you?

What is your current marital status?

What is your age?

How many consecutive years have you lived in Idaho?

IF previous answer <= 5 YEARS

What was the most important reason that you moved to or returned to this state? Was it . . .

- 1 For employment opportunities
- 2 To retire
- 3 Quality of life
- 4 To obtain an education
- 5 Or some other reason

7 DON'T KNOW/NOT SURE

9 REFUSED

Have you voted in an election in the past two years?

What is the highest level of school or college that you have completed?

I'm going to quickly read a list of income ranges in order from lowest to highest. Please stop me when I get to the one that describes your annual household income from all sources.

Note: Call terminated if not a PRIVATE RESIDENCE OR NOT IN STUDY AREA